

## **January 12 Micro-Reunion and Update on 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion**

As previously mentioned, the Class of '61 will be holding a virtual **"Micro-Reunion"** on Tuesday, January 12, 2021, starting at 1:00 PM Eastern time. As with our Homecoming virtual mini-reunion, we will be using the Zoom platform. Our two sessions are:

### **1:00 EST: Foreign Service Panel.**

Classmates John Adams, Parker Borg, Jake Gillespie, and John Sperling will share experiences and observations, both humorous and serious, from long careers with the Foreign Service at home and abroad. John and Parker served with the State Department, Jake with the US Information Agency, and Jon with the US Agency for International Development. The session will be moderated by Chris Bosworth.

### **Between the Sessions.**

Directly after the Foreign Service Panel there will be a 5-minute slideshow with photographs taken by classmate Terry Rogers. The slideshow features the women and men residents at Providence ElderPlace in Washington state who agreed to share their images, hope, and happiness with us.

Before the beginning of the 3:00 session, there will be the opportunity to talk with classmates in small breakout groups. (Or, back to the "class tent.")

### **3:00 EST: Discussion of *The Great Influenza*, a book about the 1918 flu pandemic.**

The author of this book, John Barry, will join our virtual session and lead a discussion of the book. The author focuses on what was occurring in the USA at the time and attempts to place it against the background of American history and within the context of the history of medicine. The session will be moderated by Dave Prewitt.

If you haven't already purchased or down-loaded the book, please do so and finish it before January 12!

There is no cost to attend the micro-reunion, but you need to register by sending an email message to Maynard Wheeler at [mbwheeler61@gmail.com](mailto:mbwheeler61@gmail.com). In your message, indicate if you'd like a tutorial on using Zoom.

### **60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Update.**

We are continuing to plan for a 100% virtual 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion using the Zoom platform, and the dates are June 14 through June 17, 2021. Mark your calendars now.

The optimistic news about a covid-19 vaccine becoming available by the end of December sheds a tiny bit of light on the possibility of having some type of in-person

reunion. Nevertheless, the College has yet to provide any information on whether they will allow and support in-person reunions.

Assuming the 60<sup>th</sup> will be 100% virtual, we will not be charging for attending or participating in the various sessions. While the schedule is far from complete, we will definitely have a Memorial Service, a Passages session, and a Class Meeting to elect officers for the next five years. Stay tuned for our next update about the 60<sup>th</sup> Reunion in January.

Pete Bleyler  
60<sup>th</sup> Reunion Chair

Maynard Wheeler  
Mini-Reunion Chair

*Distributed and Posted 12-10-20*